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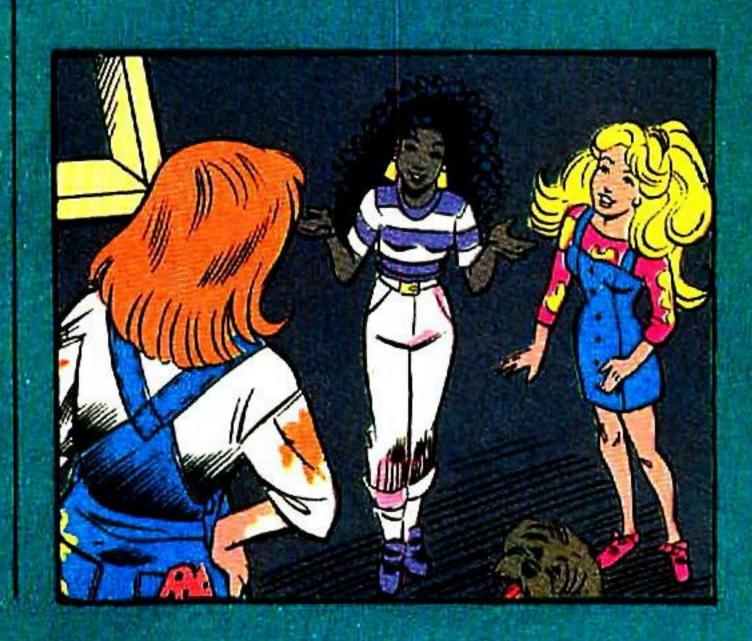


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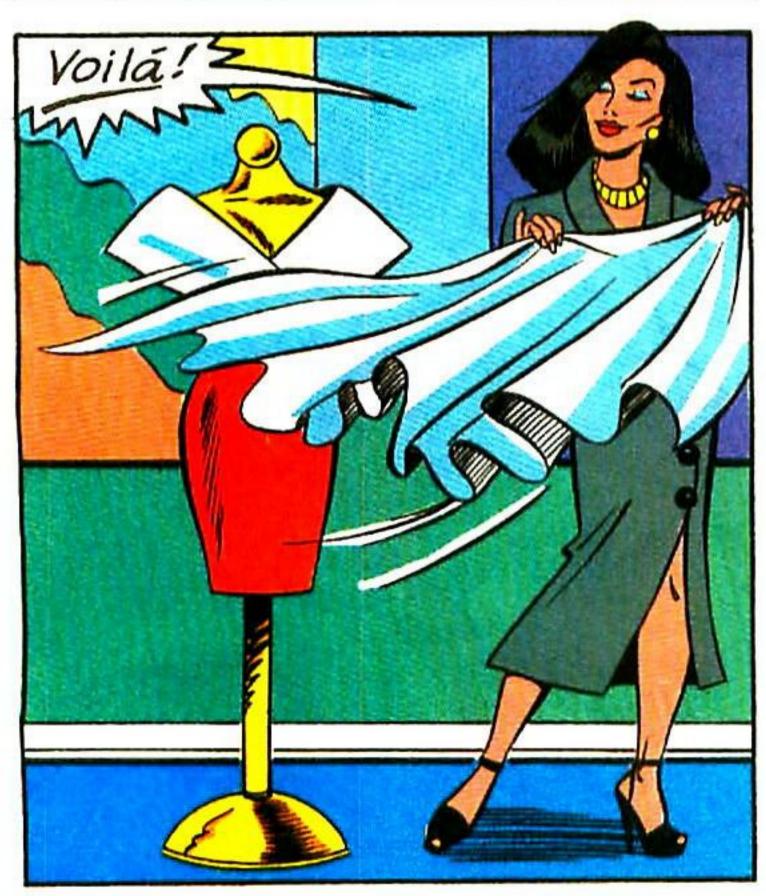














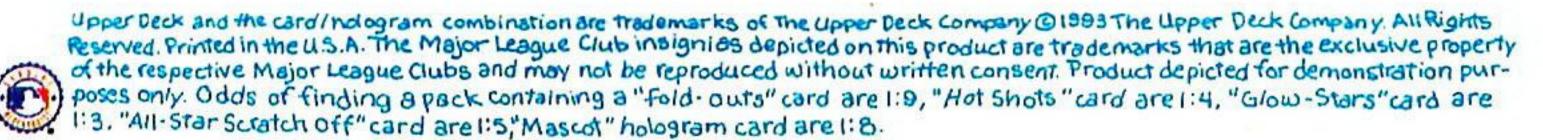
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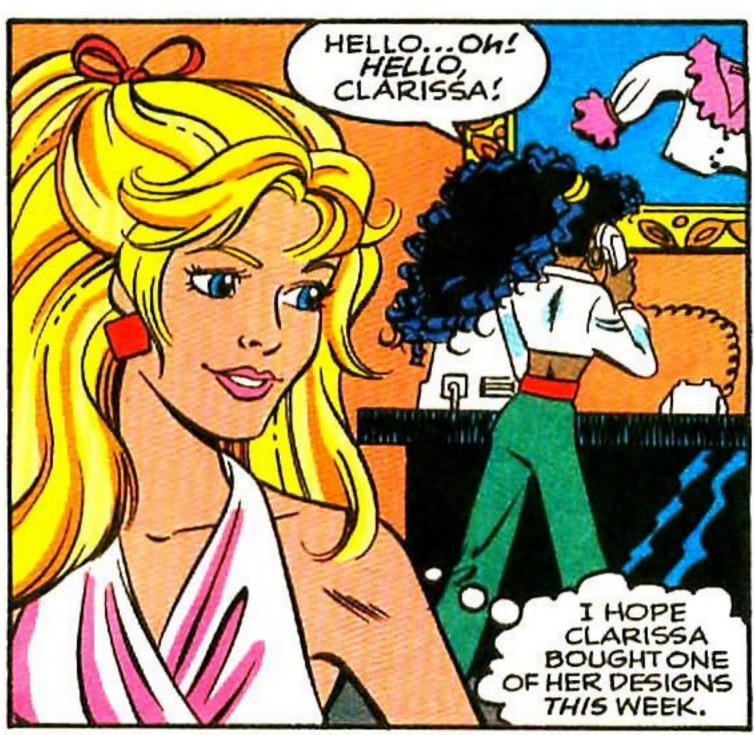
































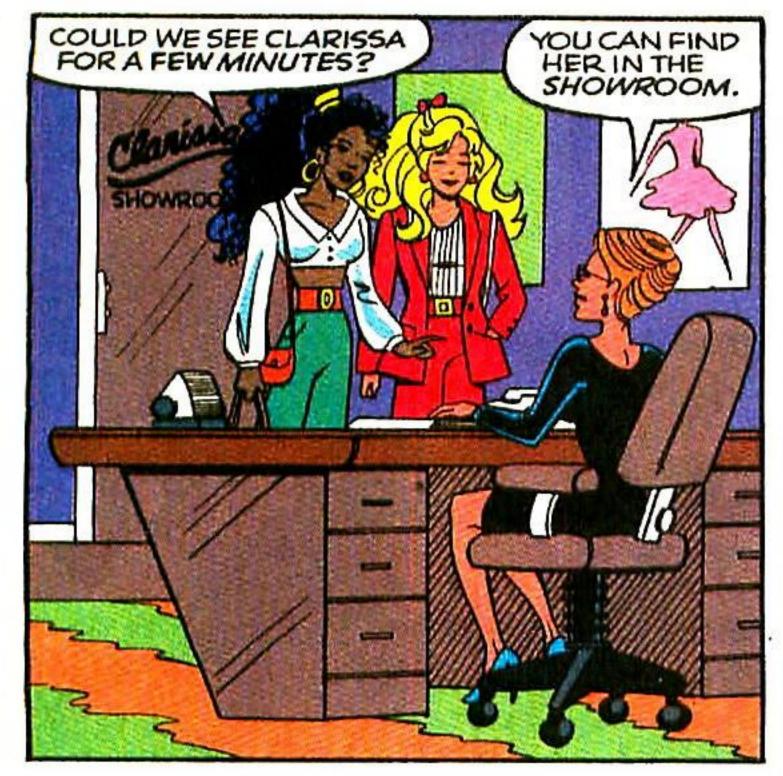






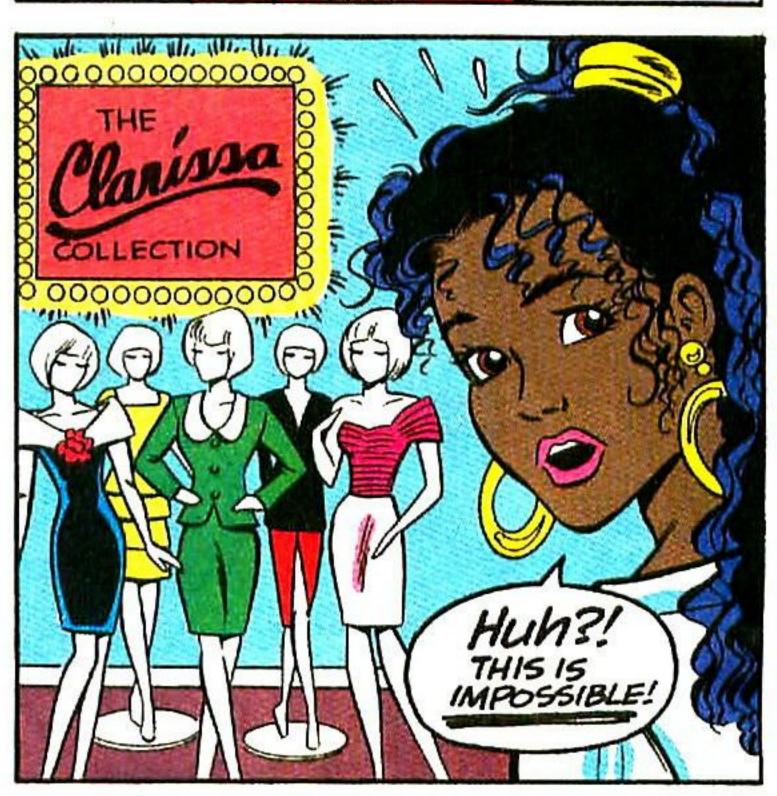






















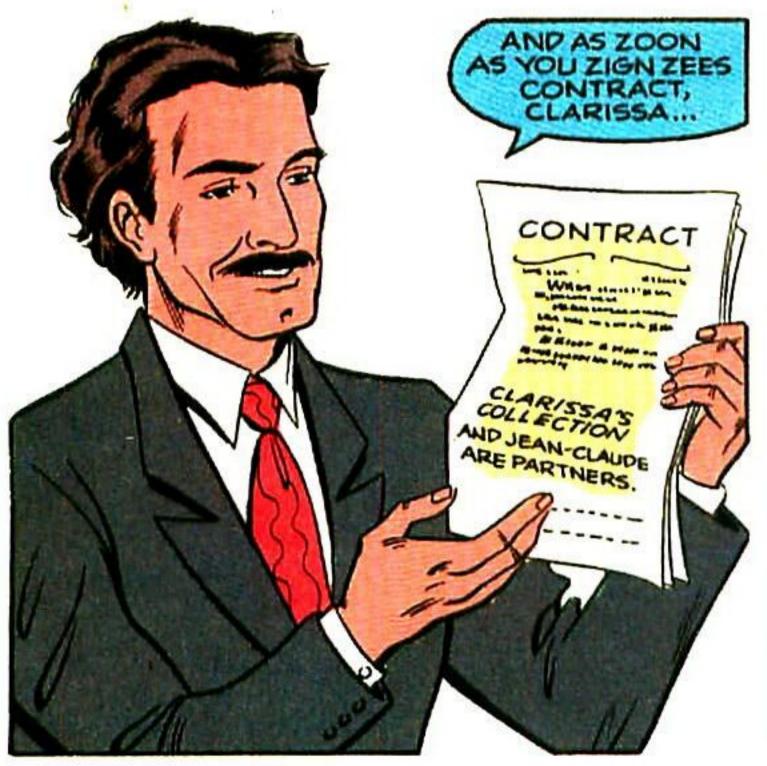




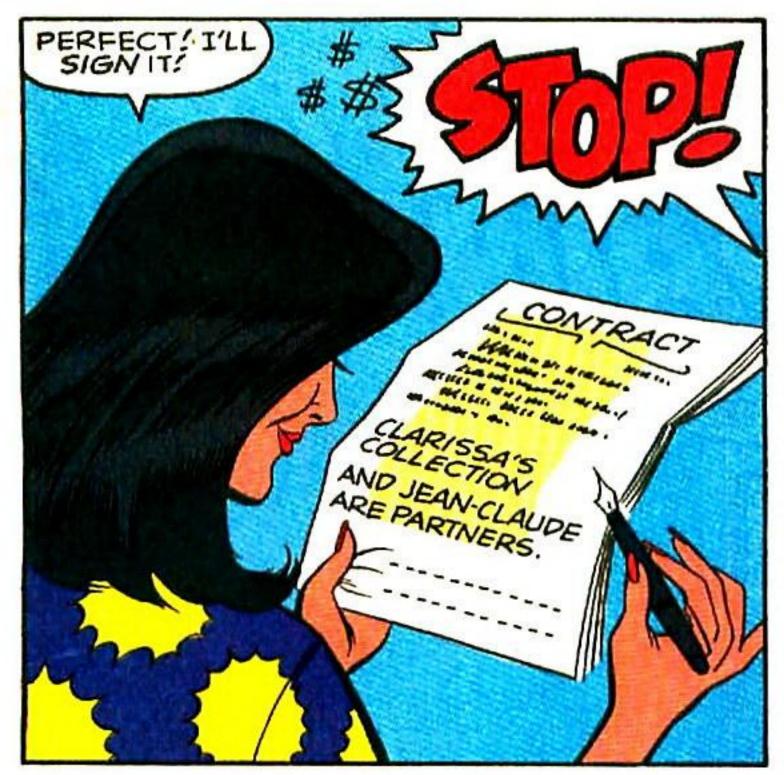














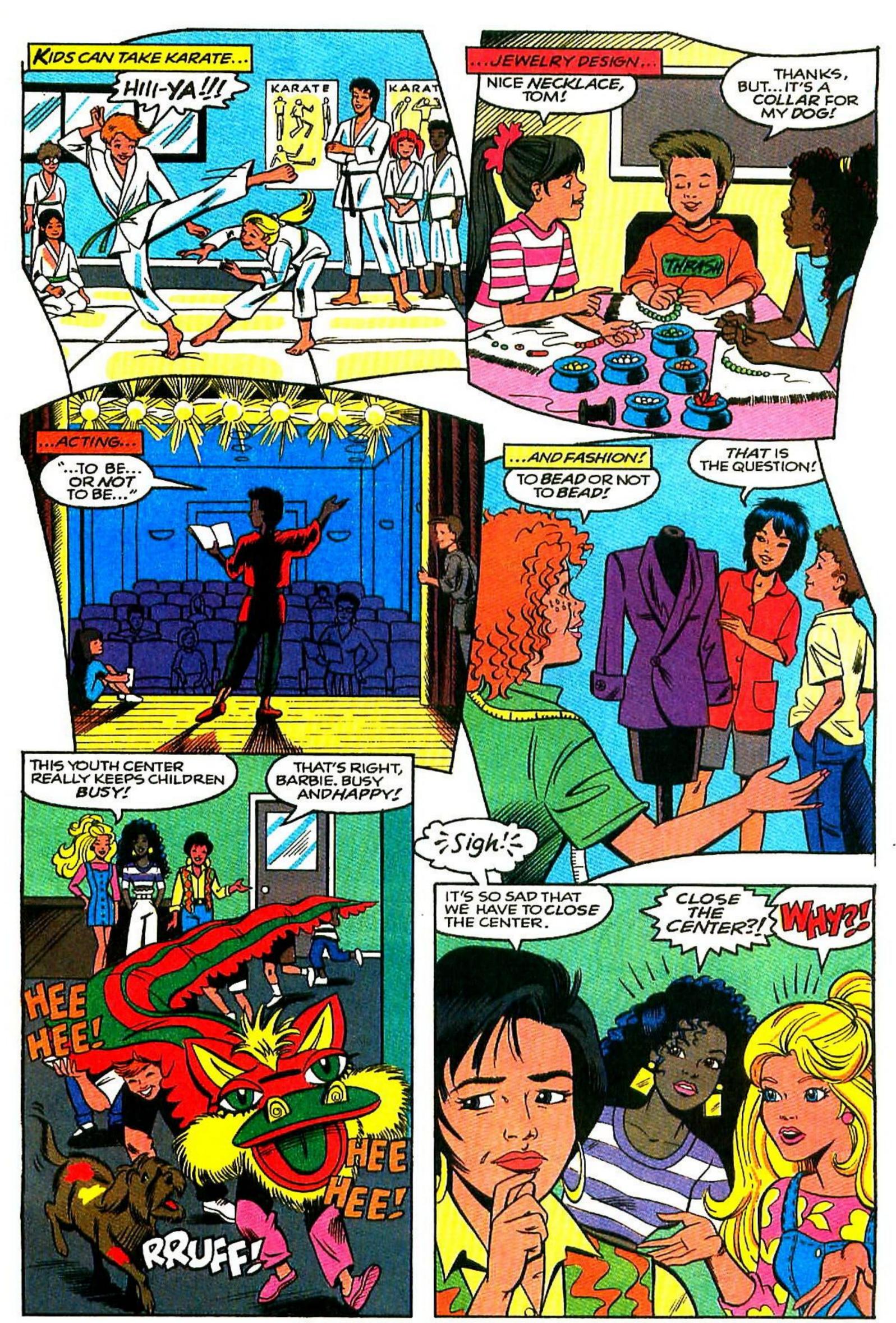










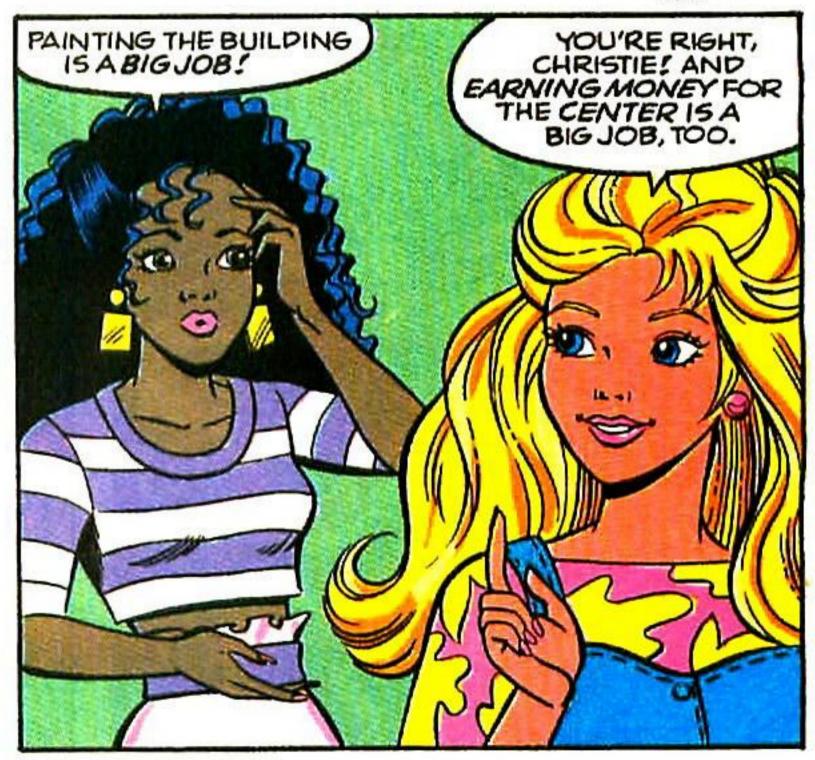
























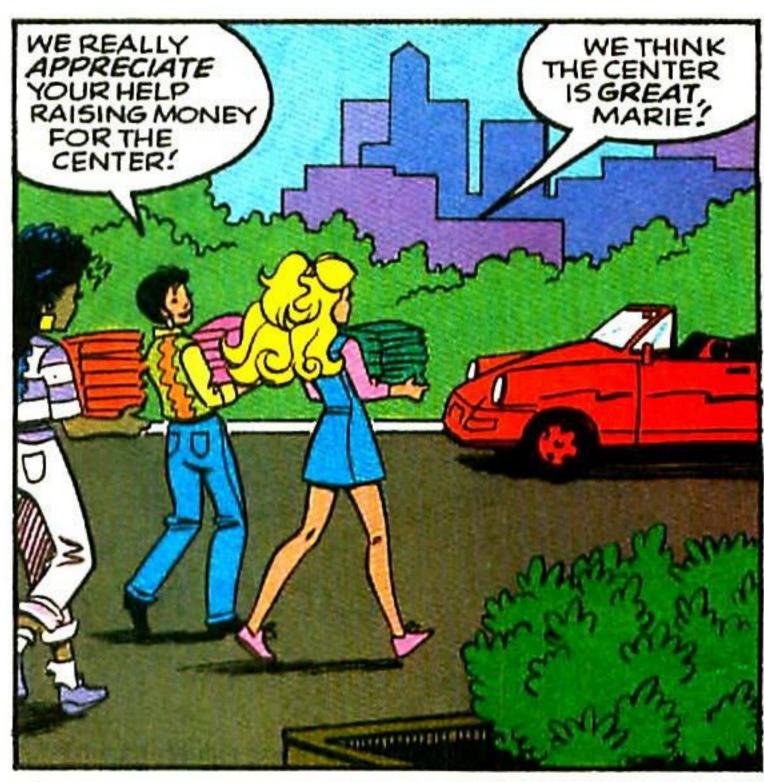




















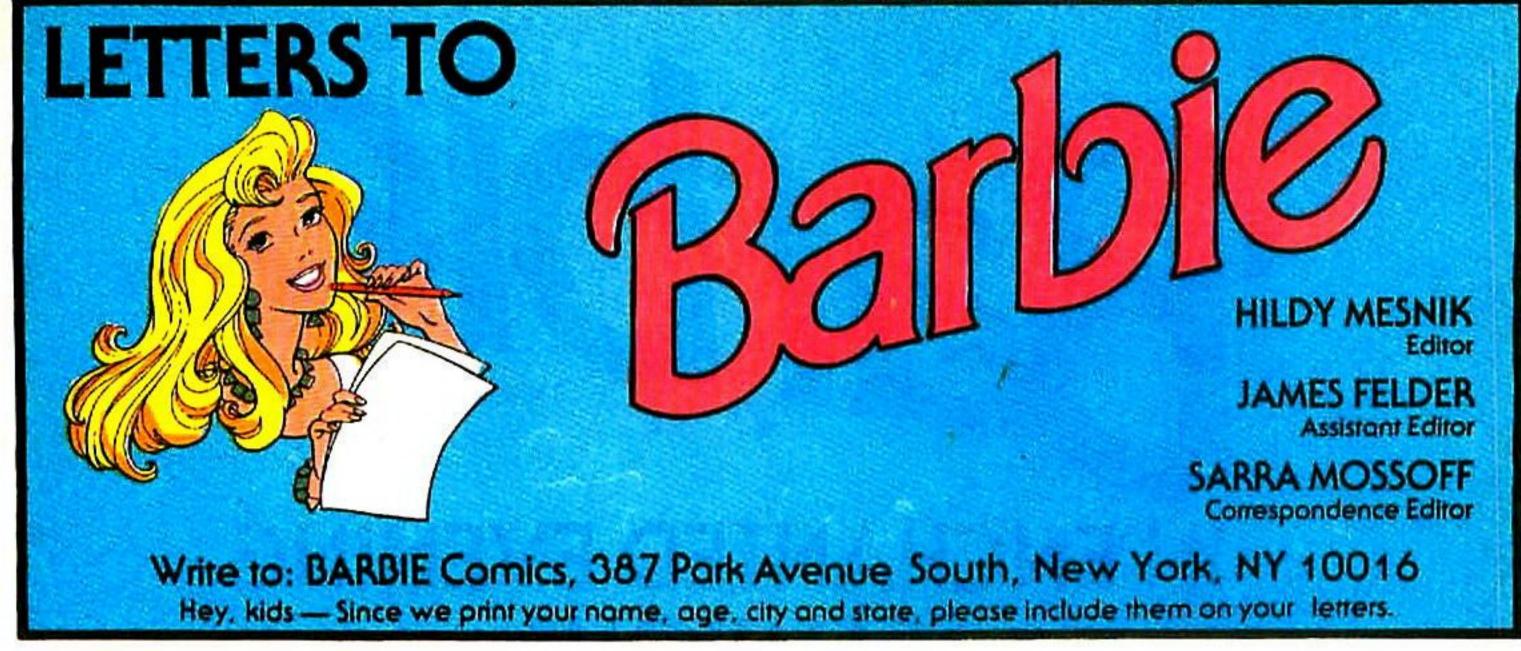












Dear BARBIE,

I just got done reading the April Issue. I loved the cover. I have a large collection of Barbies.

I have all the BARBIE comics from issue #1 to issue #23. I am missing issues #23 and #24. Do you know where I can get them?

I want to thank my parents, Dean and Barb, for my birthday present. I got a Barbie doll for my birthday in February. Thanks Mom and Dadl

> Sarah DeCayke, age 11 Johnstown, NY

Sounds like a terrific birthday, Sarah!

For back issues of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION check with your local comic book stores. (You'll find them listed in the yellow pages under "Comics and Collectibles." Ask a parent or adult for help.) If they don't stock back issues of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION, sometimes they can order the issues you want! Good luck!

By the way, you may want to ask a parent or adult about subscribing to BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. That way every issue will come to you through the mail each month, and you'll never miss a single issue! You'll find a subscription form at the back of this issue.

Dear BARBIE,

I am interested in BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. I enjoyed BARBIE #29.

I have a problem, though. I'm a 10 year old boyl I'm afraid to tell my friends that I enjoy BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. Could you people at good of Marvel give me some tips? Am I the first male to write?

> Jonathon Penn, age 10 Bay Ciry, TX

The first male to write, Jonathon? No way! We get letters from boys and girls of all ages who enjoy reading BARBIE and BAR-BIE FASHION! We know that according to common stereotypes, it's girls who are interested in reading BARBIE — but individuals prove stereotypes wrong every day! Just check out the next two letters if you don't believe us! (Pay special attention to what Lance Snead has to say about why he en-Joys reading BARBIE.)

As for dealing with your friends, well, that's a trickler problem. Growing up isn't easy, and kids can often be very mean to other kids. We think it would be great if you could share your interest in BARBIE and BAR-BIE FASHION with your friends — maybe

they would discover that they'd enjoy BAR-BIE and BARBIE FASHION, too! But, we think this is a decision you need to make, based on what makes you feel most comfortable. We know it's not easy — good luck!

Dear BARBIE.

I'm a 17 year old young man that loves comics. I read X-MEN, THE AVENGERS, DARK-HAWK, and many more. But out of all of Marvel's books, BARBIE is one of the best.

In most of Marvel's books there is violence, deception, and fear. Often the hero solves one problem and another comes right along. Friends and family sometimes get hurt. BARBIE is different.

I bought my sister a subscription for her birthday. When I read one, I was hooked. People help each other, work together, respect each other, and love one another. BARBIE deals with decent stories about basic problems. And these problems are resolved through love and reasoning instead of violence and pain.

I also love the artwork. It reinforces the feeling of peace, love and hope. My favorite cover is issue #27. I practice drawing

with It.

So until Barbie puts a pink skull on her chest and Skipper grows adamantium claws, make mine hope, love and friendship. Make Mine BARBIE!

> Lance Snead (Address withheld by request)

Wow, Lance! We couldn't have said it better! Thank you for a very thoughtful, warm etter.

Dear BARBIE,

Hi. I am a 14 year old boy that likes BARBIE comics. I know, it's strange that a 14 year old boy would like BARBIE, but I just do. My friends have laughed at me since the day I told them about it. All I can say to them is, "You don't know what you're missing," and they don't!

BARBIE isn't like the other comic books. It's nor blood and gurs. I feel that the world would be a better place if all the people who read comics full of violence would pick up a copy of BARBIE.

> Rob Lawson, age 14 Houston, TX

Thanks for writing and sharing your feelings about BARBIE with us, Rob. We hope both yours and Lance's letter help Jonathon with his dilemmal



BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

There are lots of BARBIE and BARBIE FASH-ION readers who will celebrate birthdays during the month of July! So without anymore delay, let us wish a very happy birthday to them all!

On July 1st, Stacy Hack, from Mosinee, WI, will celebrate her 12th birthday! The very next day good wishes go out to Bichhuy Nouyen, in New Orleans, LA, on her 10th

birthdayl

As the country celebrates it's birthday on Independence Day, July 4th, Cathy Sister, from Terra Alta, WV, also celebrates It's her 10th birthday! Jaclyn Johns, in Arlington Mountains, IL, follows on the 5th with her 10th birthday! On July 8th, we say happy 12th birthday to Loni Wellman, in Catlin, ILI

In Harleysville, PA, Lindsay Dietz will celebrate her birthday on July 10th! Sari Goldsmith, of Harrisburg, PA, turns 9 on July 11th! And on the 14th, Karie Rose Wendle, of Tarrytown, NY, celebrates her 5th birthday! Two readers will be looking forward to July 15th — Jenny Belbeck, of Apple Valley, MN, and Kare Adkins, of Charlotte, NC. Happy 9th, Kate!

Happy birthday to Delela Adkins, in Newark, NJ, who will celebrate turning 9 on July 16th! On the 17th, happy 10th birthday to Rosina Bartlett, in Mesa, AZI Julie Anthony, in Queens County, Nova Scotia, Canada, celebrates her 11th birthday on July 18th!

Kim Hamilton, in Mars, OH celebrates her special day on July 23rd! And Megan Soldan, of Vegreville, Alta, Canada, turns 8 on July 30th!

Congratulations to all BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating birthdays this month! If you would like your birthday included in "Barbie's Birthday Corner," be sure to send us your name, age, and address well ahead of time!



IN ENCHANTED EVENING FASHIONS

Barbie wears gorgeous gowns on these pages designed by you — the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers! If you have a fashion for Barbie or any of her friends, send it to us at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age, and address!





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